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Integrated Child Protection Schemes

CUTS Centre for Human Development (CUTS CHD) organised a one-day children's interface meeting on "Integrated Child Protection Schemes" at CUTS CHD on March 15, 2013.

More than 130 participants attended the meeting. The objective of the workshop was to create awareness about the structure, functioning and expected outcomes of the Integrated Child Protection Schemes (ICPS). Children interacted with district-level officers for solution of their issues.

A one-day orientation-cum-training on "Integrated Child Protection Schemes" for all Child Protection Committees (CPCs) of intervention villages was organised at Chittorgrah on February 26, 2013. More than 100 participants comprising district-level officers from ICPS, Education, *Panchayati Raj Institutions* (PRIs) and other members of CPCs participated. The objective of the workshop was to create awareness about ICPS structure, functioning and expected outcomes.

Information was disseminated about various government welfare schemes, child rights, rights and acts of Persons with Disability (PwD) etc. and how an individual or the community could avail those facilities from the government. The programme was held at Shambhupura village on January 09, 2013. More than 48 participants, including PRIs, members of Village Health and Sanitation Committees, School Management Committees participated in the programme.







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National Initiative for Child Protection

A National Initiative for Child Protection (NICP) workshop was organised at agricultural extension meeting hall Bhilwara by Child Line 1098, Bhilwara on January 17, 2013. 40 participants were present in workshop. 22 represented different police stations of Bhilwara district and 18 from other departments.

Jyotiswaroop Sharma, Assistant Superintendent of Police was chairperson



and Yogesh Gupta, Chief Judicial Magistrate was the chief guest. Dhruv Kumar, Chandervanshi, Deputy Director, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment and Suman Dwivedi, Chairperson CWC, Bhilwara were resource persons.

Louis Braille Day Celebration

ouis Braille day was celebrated jointly with *Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan* (SSA), Chittorgarh at Upper Primary Government School, Chittorgarh, on January 04, 2013. Social Justice and Empowerment Department also participated in the event.

The 4th of January is World Braille Day, as it is the birthday of Louis Braille, the Frenchman who invented the code in 1821. Braille helps to provide equal opportunity for many blind people worldwide for their education. Louis Braille (January 04, 1809-January 06, 1852) was the inventor of braille, a system of reading and writing used by people who are blind or visually impaired. As a small child, Braille was blinded in an accident; as a boy he developed a mastery over that blindness; and as a young man – still a student at school – he created a revolutionary form of communication that transcended blindness and transformed the lives of millions. After two centuries, the braille system remains an invaluable tool of learning

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and communication for the blind and it has been adapted for languages worldwide.

More than 201 participants participated in the programme. It was shared how Louis Braille played a very important role in developing 6 dot method for reading and writing for blind persons. 13 VI children participated from two blocks of Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) project area. They participated in different kind of activities, such as identifying different types of things, singing songs and poems, reading and writing in Braille, etc.

Prizes were distributed to all participants by the Chief Executive Officer, Zila Parishad, Chittorgarh. White cane was given to blind children by Social Justice and Empowerment Department. The VI students were very happy after participating in the programme and their morale was high. They learnt many new things and it was a good exposure for them. CBR staff played an important role in ensuring participation of VI children in this programme.

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Jaipur Visit of VI Children for Sightseeing

10 VI (visually impaired) and two general children visited Jaipur for sightseeing on February 16-17, 2013. During the visit five persons also accompanied to take care of them.

On February 16, 2013, the children visited the National Blind School and came to know about the latest technologies which are being used for the education of blind children. They visited the museum. In the museum, they got knowledge of the history of Jaipur, about kings, weapons, dresses, utensils, etc. After that



they visited Amer Fort and understood what is fort and how kings used to live at that time. They were surprised to see the huge palace in the fort and also saw Shitlamata temple. In the light and sound show, history and culture of Jaipur was narrated in the voice of Amitabh Bachchan and Amrish Puri. The children enjoyed the outing and meals.

On February 17, 2013 they visited the zoo and came to know about different types of animals like bear, leopard, lion, tiger, elephant, monkey, ostrich, fox, deer, wolf, rabbit, crocodile and birds and their sounds. They were very excited to hear the sound of lion, tiger, elephant, etc. One pencil box and napkin was given to all children as gift. They liked all places which they visited during the sightseeing. They also enjoyed the long journey.

PARTICIPATION I

- Madan Lal Keer attended a district level meeting organised at DRDA hall by the District Collector Bhilwara on January 08, 2013.
- Majid Khan and Vandana Chauhan attended a one day training "SC Info 3rd round training" on data management at Jaipur on January 17, 2013.
- Madan Lal Keer attended a one-day meeting in the meeting hall of the Department of Women Empowerment, Jaipur, under the SABLA Project on January 21, 2013.
- CHD Staff participated in a two-day orientation workshop on NABARD-supported project "SHGs Formation and Credit Linkages" on January 21-22, 2013.
- Dharmveer Yadav and Madan Giri Goswami attended a meeting at Jaipur on IPAP project planning for the year 2013 on January 28, 2013.
- Dharmveer Yadav attended a workshop on MNERGA organised by Krati Organisation at Chittorgarh, on February 28, 2013.
- Shiv Lal Prajapat participated in training on 'Rural Women Empowerment' organised by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) at Jaipur, during February 28-March 01, 2013.

VISITORS I

- Aprajita Mishra, State Advocacy Officer, Save the Children, Jaipur, visited the project area at Chittorgrah on January 23, 2013.
- Prasanna Kumar, Director Programme Operation; Praveen Kumar, Programme Manager and Abraham George, Area Director, North West Area Office, and Jagdish Chouhan visited CUTS CHD office, Chittorgarh, on January 09-10, 2013 to review the CBR project activities.

